



Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

March 10, 2023 at 10:00am

Public Hearing on Committee Bill No. 5290

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Michael Paine, I am President of Paine's Incorporated. Paine's is a local family owned business. We have been in business since 1929.

We are in support of Committee Bill # 5290, which would repeal the Highway Use Tax..

If this bill is not repealed then all of our customers will be paying higher prices, so that Paine's can then pay the State nearly \$ 90,000.00. That number is based on the current miles driven in Connecticut and the per mile fees based on the registered Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of each vehicle. The fee does not take into account if our truck is empty or full as we are required to register each truck for its full weight capacity not on the actual weight being hauled.

Those fees will be passed along to our customers and businesses, that includes private homes, businesses, municipalities, apartments, home builders and contractors.

There is also a question if this bill is legal, some people are saying that it is in conflict with the Commerce Cause.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration and support of this repeal of the Highway Use Tax.

With appreciation,

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